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Dr. Hammett Named 'Alumnus Of Year'

Dr Horace G. Hammett of Columbia, S. C., was named Gardner-Webb's "Alumnus of the Year" at the annual alumni banquet on campus May 13.

Former executive secretary of South Carolina Baptists, Dr. Hammett was cited for his many years of service to the denomination in the two Carolinas.

The award, voted by the board of trustees and presented by Dr. J. Roy Robinson, climaxed the banquet, attended by about 450 alumni and college family members.

Dr. Hammett came to the Boiling Springs school when it was a boarding high school in 1920. He played in the school's first football game (also the first for Cleveland County) in 1922. The game resulted in a 6-0 victory over Gaffney, S. C., but one player broke his arm—and football was subsequently banned in the county for several years.

Dr. Hammett later went to Furman on a football scholarship. He returned to Boiling Springs to teach English and mathematics and to coach. He was Boiling Springs Junior College's first athletic director.

While teaching at the junior college, he teamed with the young woman who later became his wife to write the college's alma mater. She was then Miss Lorene Woody, Woodsdale, N. C., native who was chairman of the music department. He wrote the words for the alma mater and she composed the music.

Dr. Hammett later served pastorates at First Baptist Church in Williamston, S. C., First Baptist Church of Great Falls, S. C., First Baptist Church of Waynesville, N. C., and Temple Baptist Church of Durham. He was named assistant general secretary-treasurer of the General Board of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention in 1950. He became the general secretary-treasurer in 1962, retiring in 1970.

The award came as a surprise to Dr. Hammett. Earlier in the banquet program, he and Mrs. Hammett gave a witty account of how they came to write the college's alma mater. They formally presented Gardner-Webb with the original copy of the song, written in pencil on both sides of a sheet of paper—"because paper was hard to come by in those days." The manuscript has been sealed in glass for permanent conservation.

A moving rendition of the Alma Mater was given by the Hammetts and the college choral ensemble, directed by Dr. George Cribb.

Mrs. Hammett also was honored during graduation weekend with a citation for Christian service. (See article on Page 5)

FOR SERVICE—Dr. Horace G. Hammett accepts the college's "Alumnus of the Year" award, presented by Dr. J. Roy Robinson.

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Two G-W Alumni Win Citations

The alumni association this spring presented its first distinguished service awards for outstanding service.

Robert Forney of Shelby was cited for outstanding service to the college. President of Lily Mills Co., he has served Gardner-Webb in many capacities. He is a member of the Class of 1931.

T. Robert Mullinax '51 of Raleigh was cited for outstanding service to the church. He is executive secretary of the Council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

A special plaque also was presented to Dr. E. Eugene Poston, G-W president, marking his contributions to the college during the past 10 years.

Welcome, '72!

A hearty welcome to Gardner-Webb's Alumni Association is extended to you newest members—the Class of 1972.

Your youth, energy and enthusiasm will be assets, and the association looks forward to working with you in years to come.

We hope you'll maintain your ties with our alma mater and continue to give Gardner-Webb your loyalty and support.

Again, welcome!

50th ANNIVERSARY CLASS—Special reunion festivities were held in conjunction with the annual alumni banquet for the Class of 1922, observing its 50th anniversary this year. Among its members are, left to right, Clifford Hamrick of Boiling Springs, Iva Sperling (Mrs. Norman) Lee of Lattimore and Vaughn Morris of Asheville

G-W Alumni Name Officers, Directors

Dr. John E. Roberts, editor of South Carolina's **The Baptist Courier,** was re-elected president of the Gardner-Webb College Alumni Association at the annual banquet and business meeting May 13.

DR. JOHN ROBERTS

Also re-elected were Billy G. McSwain of Boiling Springs, vice president, and Mrs. Daphne R. Bridges of Boiling Springs, secretary.

Named to three-year terms on the association board of directors were John Washburn, Keith Snyder, Horace Hammett, Paul Williams, Bill Gibbons, Pressly Beaver, Max Padgett, Ernest Upchurch, Mrs Paris Yelton and T. R. Causby.

Elected to one-year terms as directors-at-large were Mrs Jean Teague, William J. Cathey, Jr., Mrs. Mary Sue Jarrett, Mrs. Sue Grice, Mrs. Sara Nell Beam, Darryl Corley, Jeff Cranford, Steve Wilson, Jerry Beane and Peter Banus.

Annual reports were given by Dr. E. Eugene Poston, college president, and Jerry R. Walker, director of alumni activities.

Dr. Poston cited highlights of the previous year, including accreditation as a senior college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the capital funds campaign which has raised more than $2.45 million to date, the conferring of an honorary doctor of humanities degree upon singer Johnny Cash, construction of the new John R. Dover Jr. Memorial Chapel, and the Bulldog basketball team's fourth-place finish in the NAIA national tournament in Kansas City.

Alumni Director Walker reported that $8,136.25 has been raised to date for this year's Annual Fund, highest total in history.

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It yet remains to be seen just how large our web will grow, but this much we know, once you're woven in, we never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.

25th ANNIVERSARY CLASS— Gathered here for reminiscing are, left to right, Cothenia Jones Jolley, Doris Hamrick Johnson, Lansford Jolley and Jack Hoyle of Boiling Springs, Mabel Sperling Jones of Shelby, Joe C. Belcher of Gaffney, S. C., Ruth Berry McManus of Granite Falls, Jack R. Dover of Shelby, Edythe Berry of Valdese and Margaret Dellinger of Belmont.

Bridging The Years . . .

As always when alumni gather, seeing classmates once again is a joy. This spring's special reunions for particular classes were no exception. In the spotlight were the Classes of 1922 and 1947, holding their 50th and 25th anniversary celebrations, respectively. Also arriving early before the annual banquet for visits with their classmates were members of the reunion classes of 1913, 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, and 1968.

TOGETHER AGAIN—These alumni from the early 1900s are, left to right above, Dovie Hopper Jolley '14 of Boiling Springs, Broadus Moore '13 of Forest City, Gertie Green '13 of Boiling Springs, J. P. Carlton '12 of Spartanburg, S. C., and Aquila Loveless Hamrick '13 of Boiling Springs.

CLASSMATES—Remembering their school days at left here are Charlie Harrill '19 of Lincolnton, Lillian Michael Johnson '19 of Black Mountain and Carl L. Hamrick '18 of Boiling Springs.

Commencement Day Album: 1972

Robed and capped in academic regalia, 273 Gardner-Webb graduates marched in traditional processional through the campus arch May 14 to receive diplomas and degrees.

Afternoon commencement exercises were held in Bost Gymnasium before an overflow audience of parents and friends.

Twenty-one of the graduates received two-year associate in arts degrees. The others, members of Gardner-Webb's second senior class, received bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees.

Four well-known North Carolinians were presented honorary doctorates, and another was awarded a certificate of merit. (See related stories and photos.)

The Rev. Coy C. Privette, pastor of the North Kannapolis Baptist Church and president of the Christian Action League of North Carolina, gave the commencement literary address.

Graduates face a world in which many people place their values upon material things and neglect the welfare of others, the Rev. Privette said. Young people with higher values are needed in today's world.

"I realize that you know a lot about hypocrisy in our world and that is why I say, students, that we need you in our government and in our church," he added.

Earlier in the day at baccalaureate, the Rev. Ernest C. Upchurch, director of the City and Metropolitan Missions Department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, told the graduates their chief responsibility as Christians was "a ministry of service."

"We are loved before we love. We are served before we serve. You have been served by this college and now you graduate into an active voice and become servants as you minister to the needs of the world and its people," he said.

Christian Service

Gardner-Webb awarded a certificate of merit for Christian service to Mrs. Horace G. Hammett, right, during commencement exercises May 14. She and her husband, who was named "Alumnus of the Year" at the annual alumni banquet the night before, composed the college's cherished alma mater while both taught at the school. Formerly Miss Lorene Woody, she was head of Gardner-Webb's music department, organist for several churches, and a teacher of private music students.

"Following the Biblical admonition to use one's talents to the fullest," said Dr. E. Eugene Poston in making the citation, "Mrs. Hammett has been active in all phases of church life and Christian service . . . In the most admirable way, she has harmoniously combined the multiple roles of housewife, teacher, civic leader, mother, and Christian servant of her Lord Jesus Christ. . ."

Mr. and Mrs. Hammett live in Columbia, S. C., and are the parents of two sons.

FACULTY AWARDS—Special faculty awards were presented to Dr. Louis Ghisletti, left, professor of modern foreign languages and literature, and to Dr. Roland Eutsler, professor of business, during commencement activities. The excellence awards were voted by their fellow faculty members. Both teachers came to Gardner-Webb after retirement from major universities—Dr. Ghisletti from Bogota University and Dr. Eutsler from the University of Florida. The faculty also honored Dr. Poston and Thomas J. McGraw, vice president for academic affairs, with plaques denoting their contributions toward Gardner-Webb's recent accreditation as a senior college.

WINNER—Jeff Cranford of Charlotte, above, was among six winners recognized at commencement exercises. He won the coveted Huggins Citizenship Medal and Mrs. Sue Rash of Boiling Springs won the Curtis Citizenship Medal. Other winners were Jacquelyn Bridges McSwain of Shelby, senior scholastic award; Wanda Haynes of junior scholastic award; Kay Abrams of Boiling Springs, sophomore scholastic award; and Eric Preston of Shelby, freshman award.

Honorary Degrees Awarded

Four outstanding North Carolina leaders were awarded honorary doctor's degrees by Gardner-Webb College during commencement ceremonies.

Cited were R. Patrick Spangler of Shelby, chairman of G-W's board of trustees and John L. (Buck) Fraley of Cherryville, both awarded honorary doctor of humanities degrees; Dr. Norman Adrian Wiggins, president of Campbell College, honorary doctor of laws degree; and Dr. Vance Havner of Greensboro, Baptist evangelist, honorary doctor of divinity.

Spangler, associated with family business enterprises involving six construction, cement and paving firms, is in his second term as trustee chairman. He served as national chairman for two major capital gifts campaigns for G-W, raising more than $5 million for the school. He also serves on the Peace College Board of Visitors and on the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina. He and his family built Gardner-Webb's Spangler Stadium as a memorial to his father. A modern dormitory — R. Patrick Spangler Hall—and his endowed scholarships for students at the college are testimonials to his continuing interest in the institution. As a citizen, he has been instrumental in bringing many millions of dollars worth of new industry to North Carolina, and has worked for honest, efficient government in the political campaigns of four gubernatorial candidates.

Fraley has been president of Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation since May, 1970, having risen from the sales staff and his previous position as executive vice president. He has served on G-W's board of advisors, and as a trustee of Pfeiffer College and Charlotte College. He is on the board of stewards of Cherryville's First Methodist Church and first vice president of the N. C. Motor Carriers Association. He has worked continuously for the economic development of North Carolina and the conservation of its natural and human resources. He has given much of his time, energy and financial resources to help others, particularly the young and less fortunate.

Dr. Havner is the beloved "boy preacher" who was licensed to preach at 12 years and ordained shortly before his 15th birthday. During 58 years of service for his Lord, he has preached or conducted revivals in 45 states and has held pastorates at Salem Baptist Church near Elizabeth City, N. C., and First Baptist Church in Charleston, S. C. He is the author of many books of sermons and inspirational messages, and for 10 years wrote a weekly column for The Charlotte Observer. Dr. Havner attended Gardner-Webb's predecessor institution, Boiling Springs High School in 1916 before studying at Catawba College, Wake Forest and Bob Jones University, from which he received a doctor of divinity degree.

Dr. Wiggins is a nationally recognized legal scholar who authored a definitive study of wills and estates and is the editor of a North Carolina will manual. President since 1967 of Campbell College, which he helped guide to accredited senior college status, he has served as president of the N. C. Foundation of Church-Related Colleges and the N. C. Association of Independent Colleges, and is a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has served on the faculties of several colleges and universities, and has combined in remarkable fashion the careers of legal counsel professor, governmental consultant, religious lay leader and college administrator.

R. PATRICK SPANGLER

JOHN L. FRALEY

DR. NORMAN A. WIGGINS

DR. VANCE H. HAVNER

With The Alumni

Reese Honeycutt '52 is assistant district manager for the Social Security Administration and lives in Meridian, Miss., with his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Elliott, and their five daughters. A graduate of Western Carolina University with an M. A. degree from Appalachian State University, he formerly managed the Social Security office in Birmingham, Ala., before transferring to Mississippi in February.

A 20-minute television film featuring the Baptist school and church in Nazareth was shown on the Arabic station of Israel television last Christmas night. It featured the pastor, **Fuad Sakhnini '54,** preaching and reading from the Bible, the choir's carols, and the Rev. Mr. Sakhnini's greetings to friends and relatives in Arab countries. This was the first time any group in the Protestant community had been featured on the program.

The Rev. **Talmadge Hall '54** has been called as pastor of the Clemmons, N. C., Center Grove Baptist Church. He had been serving as the church's supply pastor.

The Rev. **Flay S. Price '58** is the new pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Kinston. He formerly was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Elkin.

G. Kenneth Wilson '58 recently was elected executive secretary of the Hamilton County, Tenn., Education Association. He is supervisor of guidance and testing for Hamilton County schools and has been very active in church, civic and educational activities in his area. He and his wife, Carolyn, a teacher for the homebound, are the parents of two daughters. After leaving G-W, Ken earned a B. A. degree at Carson-Newman and an M. S. at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Doyt K. Hoffman '63 and wife Mary have recently welcomed their first child, a son, Tyson Doyt, Jan. 27. Doyt, a 1967 graduate of Wake Forest University, has been employed as a research chemist for the past five years at the Lithium Corp. of America plant in Bessemer City.

Jerry Burnette '64 has been promoted to assistant cashier and manager of the installment loan department at Northwestern Bank's Marion office. He previously was employed in the Black Mountain branch.

Floyd Terry Phillips '68 was married in March to Martha Louise Huggins of Lake City, S. C. He is associated with Clarkson Brothers in Cowpens, S. C. The newlyweds are living at 272 Ferndale Dr. in Spartanburg.

Sandra Humphrey '69 is the new director of music and education for West Albemarle Baptist Church in Albemarle. After leaving G-W, she earned a bachelor of music education degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, with special emphasis in voice and piano.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings Brooks Jr. **(Carolyn Spangler '69)** of Lattimore have announced the Jan. 8 birth of a son, William J. Brooks, III.

Faren Sanders '69 is a rising senior at the University of Georgia, taking part in an Indian Teaching Training Project. A native of the Cherokee Indian Reservation, she intends to teach Indian children after her graduation.

William N. Stevenson Jr. '69 of Elkin has completed a two-year program at the Lowrance Hospital School of Radiologic Technology in Mooresville.

Gary L. Swinkey '71 has completed nine weeks of training as a light weapons infantryman at the U. S. Army's Ft. Jackson, S. C.

Vera Juanita Carpenter '71 and **Peter Ellison Fickling '71** were married in late April and are making their home in Hildebran.

Douglas R. Clark Jr. '71 recently completed his Army basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Danny O'Brien '71 and **Brenda Kay Jones '72** were married in April and are making their home in Greenville, S. C. Danny is employed by First Federal Savings and Loan in Greenville and Brenda is associated with E. L. Jones & Son, Inc. in Taylors.

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'No. 1 Bulldog' Gives Truck To Gardner-Webb

The nation's "No. 1 Bulldog" has given Gardner-Webb one of the bulldogs of the trucking industry—a big Mack truck.

The diesel vehicle was presented to G-W by Zenon Hansen, president and chairman of the board of Mack Trucks, Inc., the country's largest firm in diesel truck sales whose symbol is the bulldog.

Hansen was a special guest on campus in mid February and was made a lifetime member of the college's Bulldog Club in a basketball half time period. It was noted that every truck his firm produces has the bulldog symbol on the hood and that his home, his clothing and even his pipe sport the bulldog insignia.

It's expected that, appropriately, income from the truck will help support G-W's Bulldog athletic program.

Backed up by the Mack Bulldog in the photo are Dr. E. Eugene Poston, college president, second from left, and several members of college sports coaching staffs. Left to right, they're Cole Proctor, Ron Hooper, Athletic Director Eddie Holbrook, Jerry Bryson, Garland Allen and George Litton.

Baseball Team Wins District Honors

Gardner-Webb's baseball become the second 1971-72 athletic team at the college to gain district honors when the Bulldogs went to the finals of NAIA District 26 finals.

Coach Jerry Bryson's men lost a 6-0 game to district champion High Point. The Bulldogs whipped Pfeiffer and Guilford to advance to the finals.

The Bulldogs had an over-all season record of 11-3, but the rains that hit the Piedmont area during the Spring washed out nine Bulldog baseball games. This hurt the team's chances limiting their on-the-field action.

During the regular season the Bulldogs scored a 7-4 win over High Point and dropped the second regular season game 5-2.

During the tournament, which was held in Guilford, the Bulldogs suffered most from the lack of hitting. Coach Bryson's men were shut out twice in the double elimination tournament, first 7-0 by Pfeiffer and then by High Point. The wins were 8-2 over Pfeiffer and 2-1 over Guilford.

Pitcher Bob Lail and Johnny Phillips did fine jobs on the mound for the Bulldogs. Lail gave up only three runs in two games, with only one of them earned. He struck out 27 men in two games of the tournament. Phillips pitched a fine 2-1 victory over Guilford, but was hit hard in the 6-0 loss to High Point.

Weavings

DR. LARRY L. SALE, professor of education at Gardner-Webb College, is the co-author of a book published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc. He joined with Dr. Ernest W. Lee, associate professor of education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, to write **Environmental Education in the Elementary School.** The textbook is designed to help the preservice or inservice teacher plan and implement environmental education experiences for elementary school children.

FIVE G-W students have had their poetry accepted for national publication in the **Annual Anthology of College Poetry** published in Los Angeles by the National Poetry Press. The five are Mrs. Barbara Bridges of Polkville, Mrs. Debbie Harris, Charles Lineberger and Sandra Russ, all of Shelby, and Becky Sigmon of Maiden.

SEVENTEEN top-notch Bulldog athletes were honored for outstanding records and achievements during the past year. Among them was All-American George Adams, who was named most-valuable basketball player and had his collegiate jersey retired.

NEW BAPTIST Student Union officers for the 1972-73 academic year were recently elected on campus. They include Leland Kerr of Durham, president; Richard Walker of Charlotte, vice president; Teresa Chandler of Asheville, secretary; John Gray of Reidsville, chairman of the outreach ministry, and John Hazelwood of Greenville, S. C., chairman of inner campus ministries.